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SUBJ: ROMANIAN DELEGATION VISITS UAE

1. ROMANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF PETROLEUM BUJOR ALMASAN DEPARTED ABU DHABI MAY 19 ON CONCLUSION 3-DAY VISIT TO UAE. DELEGATION RECEIVED RED CARPET TREATMENT INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH AND DINNER HOSTED BY UAE MIN PETROLEUM MANA AL-OTAIBA, VISITS TO DUBAI AND AL AIN WHERE IT RECEIVED BY VICE PRESIDENT SHAIKH RASHID AND ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY CHAIRMAN SHAIKH TAHNOUN RESPECTIVELY, AND FINALLY CALL BY ROMANIAN MINISTER ON UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID. IN TERMS OF SUBSTANCE, THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY DELEGATIONZRS DEPARTURE INDICATES THAT SEVERAL AREAS OF COOPERATION BEING STUDIED BUT NOTHING APPARENTLY YET DECIDED. SPECIFICALLY, ROMANIANS OUTLINED THEIR EXPERTISE IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND OFFERED ASSIST UAEG IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP SUCH INDUSTRIES. UAE FOR ITS PART EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SELLING CRUDE TO GOR UNDER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS. NO INDICATION GIVEN AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO WHEN FURTHER STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN. OTAIBA AND COLLEAGUES DID,

HOWEVER, ACCEPT ROMANIAN INVITATION TO RETURN VISIT WITH DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED LATER.

2. COMMENT: WHETHER TALKS WILL LEAD TO SUBSTANTIVE COOPERATION AND/OR TRADE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. SIMPLY HAVING SIGNIFICANT EE DELEGATION IN UAE WAS EVENT OF SOME NOTE, HOWEVER, AND REFLECTIVE OF UAE POLICY TO BROADEN FOREIGN CONTACTS REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES.

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